



Which RU categories are being discontinued and why?

- Proctoring: all ASQ exams are administered by Prometric so proctors are no longer utilized.
- Multimedia: the devices covered under this category are outdated and no longer readily available.

If I have RU credits that fall under the discontinued categories, will I lose that credit?

- No, all RUs that are currently entered in your online journal will remain and be applied to your recertification cycle.

What new RU categories have been added?

- Volunteering and mentoring have been added under the “Giving Back” Category.

Why make the changes?

- The changes are in line with industry benchmarks and are reflective of a more holistic and socially responsible professional, the *Giving Back* category provides the opportunity to earn RUs for activities like volunteering in one’s community & mentoring. Additionally, removing the maximum allowed RU limit on Professional development allows you to claim more credits in activities that have grown in popularity and availability.

Why combine Meetings and Events into one category?

- Meetings and Events are similar in terms of activity and so we simplified for users to navigate and combined for logical flow. Previously Events, such as, WCQI were located under Professional Development and it was not called out, which caused confusion.

Any changes to due dates?

- Yes, the grace period has changed from 6 months to 60 days after the recertification date. The three-year recertification requirement and June/December dates have not changed.

Were there any changes to RUs per hour or maximum RUs allowed? Yes. See details below.

- Instructor was 0.15 RU per hour and is now 0.1 RU per hour (now claimed under “Continuing Education” activity).
- Meetings/Events was 0.5 RU per meeting or workshop and is now 1.0 RU per day for conferences/workshops. Seminars and meetings are 0.1 RU per hour. *See rationale below.*
- Publishing: Book editors used to receive 1.0 RU per book and now receive 4.0 RUs per book.
- Professional Development, including certification, continuing education, publishing/reviewing, and meetings/events no longer have a maximum RU limit.
- Committees had a maximum RU limit of 8.0 RUs and now is 4.5 RUs.
- Committees were 2.0 RUs per committee, per year for elected officers and are now 1.5 RUs per year.
 - Member leaders are still 1.5 RUs per year.

Have the Retirement Reinstatement Requirements Changed?

- Yes, reinstatement period shall not exceed three years post-retirement. After three years, candidates will need to retake the initial examination.

Rationale for Changes to Meetings Activity

- The changes were necessary to move to a balanced model of continuing competence for all ASQ Credential holders and ensure our process meets the ISO 17024 standard for continuing professional development. We were not accredited before 2022, so the rules are more stringent now as we are subject to auditing, inspection, and adherence to the standard. The Certification Council approved this change in RU accrual rate, as it brings the credits awarded for meetings in-line with other professional development activities.

Effective Date

- We recognize that transition time is necessary as events & meetings may have already been planned and advertised. To ensure a smooth transition, the 0.5 RU per professional meeting accrual rate will be honored for all customers for the remainder of 2024. We will also honor the old points system for all categories through the end of 2024.